के लिए पर्याप्त सावधानी बरतती है कि इन आयातों से घरेलू चाय उद्योग पर कुप्रभाव न पड़े तथा इससे विश्व बाजार में भारतीय चायों की छवि भी खराब न होने पाए।

वर्ष 1993-94 तथा 1994-95 के दौरान चाय के वास्तविक आयात के कम्पनीवार ब्यौरे उपलब्ध नहीं हैं। ऐसी कम्पनियों द्वारा चाय के आयातों के स्रोत ऐसे अलग-अलग एककों के वाणिज्यिक निर्णय पर निर्भर करते हैं; जो चाय का आयात करते हैं। तथापि, उपर्युक्त अवधि से नवम्बर, 1994 के दौरान भारत में चाय के कुल आयात निम्नानुसार रहे हैं:—

वर्ष	मात्रा मी० टन में	मूल्य करोड़ रु० में
1993-94	870	3.99
1994-95 (नवम्बर, 94 तक)	130	0.71

(स्रोत : डी० जी०सी०आई० एण्ड एस० के आंकड़े)

आयातों के लिए मूल देश : इण्डोनेशिया, बांगला देश, केन्या और नेपाल हैं।

Expansion of rubber cultivation in Tripura

*653. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2048 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th March, 1995 and state:

(a) what measures Government contemplate for expansion of rubber cultivation in the 31313 ha. which is available for additional rubber cultivation in Tripura;

(b) whether it is a fact that given the backwardness and poor infra structure available with the State, the realisation of such good possibi lities for the expansion of ruober cultivation is possible only if daily consumer need based local industry is set up; (c) if so, whether Government en visage in public sector an investment *in* this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) In order to expand the rubber cultivation in Tripura, an area of 5000 ha. is proposed to be brought under World Bank Assisted Rubber,'Project *(tor* 1993-94 to 1997-98). Out,of this 5000 ha., about 2000 ha. 'has already been brought under plantation and remaining 3000 ha will be covered during next three years (i.e. 1995-96 to 1997-98). In addition to this, an area of 2500 ha. is also proposed to . be brought under rubber cultivation in Tripura under various schemes outside the World Bank Assisted Project. The Rubber Board in collaboration with the Govt, of Tripura is implementing various ruber-based settlement projects for the shifting cultivators. The Board also implements Rubber Plantation Scheme where various kinds of subsidies are provided to the growers.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Supply of Covered Wagons instead of open Box Wagons by Railways to CIL

*654. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

fa) whether it is a fact that Railway Ministry supplied covered Wagons against the demand for open Box Wagons by Coal India Ltd.;